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## Shall We Hold An S.-D.P. of C. Convention?

If So, Where and When, and How Shall We  
Finance It?

Letters and personal interviews from Socialists in many parts of the country are urging the necessity of calling a convention of the S.D.P. of C. to meet at the earliest possible date.

The desirability and necessity of a convention is admitted by all. Many problems have developed under war conditions that are calling for consideration and action. Many others are sure to present themselves as soon as peace arrives, which will need the Party's very best thought, if it is to fulfil its historic mission among the nations of the world during the transition period.

### Is a National Convention Feasible at This Time?

The problem of financing a national convention with delegates from East and West, meeting at some central point, is the one big barrier standing in the way of a convention at this time. Naming a place, setting a date, and allotting the proportion of delegates, and listing an elaborate number of subjects in an agenda for discussion, will be an easy matter when once the financial problem is solved. A Dominion convention with delegates from East and West to some central point for deliberation in a national convention, with delegates from all the provinces and foreign language locals, is most desirable, and the only kind of a convention which can adequately meet the situation and deliberate intelligently on the many problems that affect the whole country.

### Provincial Conventions Suggested.

The Socialists of Guelph and some other points are advocating the holding of a provincial convention of Ontario Socialists. If it is found impossible to finance a Dominion convention, it would be much more effective and satisfactory.

A new Dominion Executive Committee has just been elected in Toronto and also a new Ontario Provincial Executive Committee. These committees are now deliberating on the best means of meeting the situation, and will no doubt reach a conclusion and present plans of action, to be announced in the Forward in the very near future.

Many difficulties present themselves, which may not be plain to comrades in some of the locals who are not conversant with all the facts in the case. Chief among these is the relentless persecution of active Socialists by the Jingoists, who are now riding roughshod all over Canada, outside of Quebec.

Our Dominion Executive Secretary, Comrade Bainbridge, is now serving time at the Jail Farm at Richmond Hill for publishing certain articles in the Forward, which the "powers that be" have construed by a desperate torture of the facts and the law to be seditious. We have not yet given up the legal fight to have him released, and the latest arguments of the attorneys on points of law are now under consideration of the Appellate Judge, and a decision is expected any day and is long overdue. Comrade Wetzel, the Provincial Secretary of Saskatchewan, has recently been arrested, and to secure his release the Provincial office has had to be closed and a promise made that further propaganda from that quarter shall cease.

### State Capitalism Arriving.

Conditions, economic and industrial, engendered by the war and the stupid, selfish greediness of the capitalists as a class, is now laying bare the inherent weakness of the capitalist system and demonstrating its impotency to meet the present crisis and the more serious ones that all thinking men and women of all classes see approaching after the war reaches its final stages.

The result, as now apparent, will be that economic and social conditions will necessitate a swift transition from capitalism to state Socialism, or what Socialists generally designate as "state capitalism."

### No Other Way Out.

State Socialism now appears to be the road over which the workers of most countries are destined to travel for sometime to come. The big capitalists are wise enough to see that the old game played by the old methods is up. Their tactics from now on will be to unload their watered stock onto the various governments and leave themselves in the position of coupon clippers of government bonds instead of direct profit takers.

If the toilers and wealth producers are to get any benefit during this transition period, it will be because they understand what is happening and are prepared to fight for their interests by every political and industrial weapon at their command.

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